

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Maint Bn Sign Making Party, 6 August 1:00-4:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center



Joiebelle Grace Tiani
Born July 7, 2006

A Note from the Family Readiness Officer

CLR-15 PREPARATION FOR TURNOVER

CLR-15 Families and Friends,

My name is Capt John Garza and I am CLR-15's new Family Readiness Officer (FRO) as well as the acting Executive Officer. From what I have seen, 1st MLG and CLR-15 have a great family readiness program in place and I am looking forward to working with all personnel associated with the program.

Since our last newsletter there have been a few "hails and farewells" at the Regimental headquarters. Colonel Hudson relinquished command to Colonel Vincent in early June. Colonel Vincent and his family joined us from Okinawa. Colonel Vincent is currently forward deployed and will return to the Regiment by mid-September. LtCol Robinson is the acting regimental commander in Colonel Vincent's absence. SgtMaj Taylor has also left our Regiment. SgtMaj Taylor

retired from the Marine Corps early June after 30 years of service. SgtMaj O'neal, Supply Bn SgtMaj, will be taking care of the Regiment until a replacement is identified.

Our Marines and Sailors continue to excel in their mission in Iraq. We are all extremely proud of the work they continue to do and look forward to their safe return. This quarter's updates from CLR-15 personnel in Iraq will be included in the upcoming 1st MLG newsletter. Please check the 1st MLG website for more information.

The next few months will be very busy for the Regiment. Not only are we preparing for the deployment of our Marines and Sailors, we are also preparing for the return of our

deployed personnel. The Marines and Sailors of CLR-15 will be working some long hours to support training, receive training, and receive our deployed Marines and Sailors back into the 22 Area. LtCol Robinson and I appreciate all of the hard work and dedication that we have seen from the Marines and Sailors of CLR-15. We also appreciate the spouses that support our personnel while they are busy training and preparing for deployments and redeployments. Although it is not frequently communicated, we understand the sacrifices made by the family members. Your encouragement and support of your Marines and Sailors is critical to their missions.

The next couple of months will also be busy for our Key Volunteers (KVs) and spouses. I would like to invite and encourage spouses to become involved in the Key Volunteer Network (KVN). Due to the extremely busy times we are entering, we are welcoming new spouses into the Key Volunteer Network. If you are interested in learning more about the KVN or becoming a KV, please contact your Family Readiness Officer or your Key Volunteer Coordinator for more information. Many units are planning sign making parties, family days, pre and post-deployment briefs, etc. We hope to see everyone at these events. Please check the CLR-15 website for details on upcoming events.

I hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer. And please remember- if your Marine or Sailor is about to deploy, be sure to spend some quality family time together before he or she departs. Just as I am proud of our service members, I am equally thankful and proud of our families. Our Marines and Sailors are successful because they have the wonderful and unwavering support of the families back home. Again, I just want to let you know that I am pleased to be here and I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Captain John Garza
Family Readiness Officer, CLR-15

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- CLR-15 HQ Company Family Day, 9 August 11:00- 3:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center
- Bread Ministry, 15 August 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center*
- Food Ministry, 16 August 11:00 AM-6:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center*
- Labor Day '96, 2-5 September
- Bread Ministry, Week 1 September*
- Food Ministry, Week 1 September*
- Bread Ministry, 19 September 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center*
- Food Ministry, 20 September 11:00 AM-6:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center*
- Bread Ministry, 3 October 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center*
- Food Ministry, 4 October 4:00 PM-6:00 PM, MOM Warehouse*
- Columbus Day '72, 7-9 October
- Bread Ministry, 17 October 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center*
- Food Ministry, 18 October 11:00 AM-6:00 PM, Abby Reinke Center*
- Halloween, 31 October

*For more information on the bread and food ministries, please call (760) 908-7043

A Note from Headquarters Company

GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Welcome home to all that have returned from the first OIF rotation. As all of you probably know there have been many significant changes in the last few months ranging from the Regimental Re-designation Ceremony, the Regimental Change of Command, Sergeant Major Taylor's Retirement and the constant change over of Marines and Sailors throughout the Regiment during our supporting efforts for Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am 2ndLt Eryn Redmon, the Headquarters Company Commander. I took over on June 6th as Capt Rich Garcia has left us for bigger and better things at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. As we are undergoing the many transitions, Headquarters Company continues to train Marines and Sailors. We have just completed the first half semi-annual PFT and are currently sending Marines and Sailors to the rifle and pistol range. We have wrapped up our pre-deployment training for those Marines and Sailors headed Forward and are preparing to welcome home our redeployers.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate the following Marines for their great accomplishments:

Sgt Castaneda received a Certificate of

Commendation for being the winning Platoon Sergeant in the Inaugural Quarterly Drill Competition.

Cpl Garcia, Cpl Leos, Cpl Soto, LCpl Coleman, LCpl Hendrix, LCpl Marmalejo, LCpl Marquez, LCpl Mayes, LCpl Smith, LCpl Vasquezsaldivar, PFC Coyle, and PFC Stanworth received a Letter of Appreciation for their winning participation in the Inaugural Quarterly Drill Competition.

Other award recipients for Headquarters Company were SgtMaj Taylor (LOM), Capt Garcia (NMCCM), SSgt Houtz (NMCCM), GySgt Graham (OV), Cpl Cooper (CertCom), and Cpl Reid (CertCom).

Cpl Garcia, LCpl Kutz, and LCpl Narog for their Meritorious promotions.

Finally, I would like to say "Thank you" for all of your support and the many sacrifices that you make to help facilitate the success of the Marines and Sailors of Headquarters Company. Semper Fidelis!

2ndLt Eryn Redmon

Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company

A Note from 1st Medical Battalion

CORPORAL COURSE AND GRADUATION

The five Marines from Alpha Health Services Company placed in the top 8 of a class of 26. The purpose of the Corporals Leadership Program is to provide Marine Corps Corporals with the education and leadership skills necessary to lead Marines in combat. The curriculum had 87 total hours of lecture, practical application, performance evaluation and written evaluation. The Marines became knowledgeable in drill, sword manual, inspection of subordinates and how to conduct training. The leadership portion allowed the students to apply the guidance given in the Marine Corps Counseling Program MCO 1610.12. Battle studies increased their knowledge of warfighting and tactics to enhance decision making skills. The course placed emphasis on the troop leading steps,

force protection, urban warfare, physical dimensions, human dimensions, and wargaming techniques. The honor graduate with a GPA of 97 was Cpl Delgado. The Moto Marine, which was voted by his peers, was Cpl Breaux. By helping one another, all Alpha Marines graduated with distinction. Congratulations to Cpl Delgado, Cpl Nguyen, Cpl Molina, Cpl Lopez and Cpl Breaux.

1ST MEDICAL BATTALION has a new Family Readiness Officer. You may contact LCDR Jefcoat by calling her office number (760) 763-2397 or sending an email to Donna.jefcoat@usmc.mil.

NEW COMMANDING OFFICER

I am proud and honored to say that I am the new Commanding Officer of Combat Logistics Company 11 because this unit has outstanding Marines and Sailors serving our country—her—and overseas to make this world a better place to live.

Who is Captain Bermeo?

Captain Bermeo (I) graduated from Boot Camp in August, 1993 and got commissioned in December, 2000. I graduated from National University in 2006 with a B.A. degree in Multi-Media Communications.

Upon completion of the Supply MOS school in 1993, Private First Class Bermeo served as a warehouseman with Head Quarters Battalion at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island where I also got a secondary MOS as a Marksmanship Instructor. Before moving on to my next duty station, I completed Corporal's course at MCAS Beaufort, SC.

Transferring to Okinawa, Japan in 1997, Corporal Bermeo served as a Warehouse NCO where I had the opportunity to sail the seas with the 7th Fleet in the USS Blue Ridge as a Platoon Sergeant; I had the pleasure to serve with Sailors, visiting Korea and China.

Following my overseas tour, Sergeant Bermeo was assigned to Head Quarters Battalion, I MEF at Pendleton, CA where I wore different hats. I was the Warehouse Chief, the assistant Supply Chief and the Platoon Sergeant. Here, I had the honor to graduate from Sergeants' Course in 1999 before applying to the Meritorious Commissioning Program to become a 2nd Lieutenant. In January, 2002, upon completion of Officer Candidate School, The Basic School and the MOS school, 2nd Lieutenant Bermeo was assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, CA as a Supply Officer from where I got the opportunity to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. In 2004, 1st Lieutenant Bermeo got selected for the Degree Completion Program in San Diego, CA.

After completing my B.A. degree in Multi-Media Arts in Communications, I was assigned to this command.

Where is CLC-11 heading to?

CLC-11 is going to keep training hard so the Marines will always be ready to deploy at any time.



Capt J.A. Bermeo

How am I going to do that?

By having a rigorous training schedule where they can learn and apply all their knowledge learned throughout their Marine Corps experience and by getting families involved in the lives of their Marines in special social events.

We all know that part of our unit is deploying in the next couple of months, and to honor those Marines and their families, we will have a BBQ the second week of August. During this time, our families will gather as a bigger family to make our Marine Family Network stronger.

Capt J.A. Bermeo

Commanding Officer, CLC-11

FYI

- **The CLR-15 Key Volunteer Network Website** is accessed through the following website address:
<http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/MLG/clr15/familyreadiness/kvn/default.asp>.
- The **1st MLG Website** can be viewed at
<http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/MLG/>.
- **Thank you** to the following who have made donations that CLR-15 Marines and Sailors received: **North Coast Calvary Chapel** for donations and sponsorship for 1st Maintenance Battalion. **New Song Community Church** for hosting 1st Maintenance Battalion's pre-deployment brief and Reunite, Readjust, and Rediscover brief. **American Recreational Military Services** for sending care packages to 6th MT Marines in Iraq. **Lockheed Martin Corporation** at Lake Underhill Drive Facility in Orlando for sending care packages to 6th MT Marines in Iraq.
- **Deployed Mailing Addresses:** Mailing addresses are posted on CLR-15's website. You will need to know your Marine or Sailor's unit. If you are unsure about the unit or address, contact your KV or Command.
- See the website for the **CLR-15 KVC Update**. If you would like a copy emailed to you, contact Mrs. Galvez at cssg15kvc@cox.net
- **CLR-15 Forward updates** may be viewed in the next MLG Newsletter. View the current newsletter at the 1st MLG Family Readiness page, <http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/MLG/familyreadiness/default.asp>

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- Download or request a copy of **Talk, Listen, Connect**. Through the use of Sesame Street's Elmo, these free bilingual kits will help military families cope with feelings, challenges and concerns experienced during various phases of deployment. For more information and to request or download materials for free, visit <http://www.sesameworkshop.org/tlc>.

DEPLOYED MAILING ADDRESSES

Headquarters Co:

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CLR 15 H&S CO
UNIT 42490
FPO AP 96426-2490

Maintenance Co:

(RANK) (NAME)
CLR 15 MAINT CO
UNIT 42285
FPO AP 96426-2285

"B" Military Police Co:

(RANK) (NAME)
CLR 15 MP CO
UNIT 42165
FPO AP 96426-2165

Supply Co:

(RANK) (NAME)
CLR 15 SUP CO
UNIT 42160
FPO AP 96426-2160

Transportation

Support Co:

(RANK) (NAME)
CLR 15 TRANS CO
UNIT 42145
FPO AP 96426-2145

Some of our Supply & Maintenance Marines are located at other sites- here are those addresses:

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A Note from Combat Logistics Company 16 (Yuma)

TRANSITION IN SUNNY YUMA, ARIZONA

Greetings from the nice and sunny desert of Yuma, Arizona! I am 2ndLt Francisco Cardoza, the interim Commanding Officer for Combat Logistics Company 16. We currently have 15 Marines attached to various elements within Combat Logistics Regiment 15 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom who are performing a tremendous job and should be returning shortly. With 61 Marines remaining aboard MCAS Yuma, we are fully engaged in the initial planning phase for the next WTI exercise. We have completed all the required pre-deployment training for the next detachment scheduled to deploy in the near future.

With the summer upon us, we also have new Marines checking in and others PCSing. With this being said, I would like to welcome all new Marines and their families to the CLC-16 family and wish those who left, luck and prosperity. In the last month, our former Commanding Officer, Maj Sides, his wife, Deborah, and their children left on PCS orders to Okinawa. Their presence will be missed and we would like to wish them luck wherever they may be. Our Company Corpsman, HM1 French, retired on 23 June after an

extraordinary 26 years of faithful service to our country's military. We would also like to wish him luck on his future endeavors. We are expecting the arrival of our new Commanding Officer, Maj Sheppard, and his family in early August. If everything goes accordingly, CLC-16 will conduct a change of command on 3 August.

To the families of CLC-16, summer has quickly approached us and school vacations are almost over. Some of you have taken the opportunity to travel and take a well-deserved break away from your busy schedules. I would like to remind everyone to stay hydrated with the increased temperatures we have been experiencing recently. I would also like to personally thank the families of our Marines and Sailors for the support they have shown towards our Marines. With some Marines coming back and others getting ready to deploy, your strength and support have enabled these Marines and Sailors to continue working hard to accomplish the mission. You are truly the heroes we need at home!

2ndLt Francisco Cardoza
Commanding Officer, CLC-16

A Note from 1st Supply Battalion

JOIN THE KEY VOLUNTEER NETWORK!

Hello, from 1st Supply Battalion. Summer is finally upon us and we are now in full swing of personnel movements throughout the Battalion. We will have Marines and Sailors redeploying from Iraq and we are now moving out with deploying Marines forward. This summer our main focus has been on pre-deployment training but we continue to provide supply support to the I MEF operating forces on a daily basis. We will be deploying 340+ of our Marines and Sailors forward in support of OIF 05-07.2 during the month of August.

Sergeant Major O'Neal and I have been dual-hatted and charged with simultaneously running both 1st Supply Battalion and the Combat Logistics Regiment-15. It has been a demanding and challenging task to say the least but we have enjoyed every minute of it. The end of the summer will bring the return of the Regimental Commander, Colonel Vincent,

redeploying from Iraq in support of OIF 05-07.2 and a new Supply Battalion Commander as my replacement, LtCol Fullerton. The change of command is scheduled to take place on August 24th when most of our Marines and Sailors will be deployed forward or redeploying back from Iraq. But, we will carry on with the ceremony as planned with very few Marines and Sailors on-hand and without all the bells, whistles and fanfare that customarily take place in conducting a battalion level change of command.

This is the last newsletter that I will be addressing you as the CO of 1st Supply Battalion. I must admit that it has been an honor and a privilege to have served with the Marines and Sailors of this Battalion. I want to thank all the Marines and Sailors for the outstanding support they have provided I MEF

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A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

A family away from family, a home away from home, and a sense of community are words we have heard before when it comes to interrelating with others when we are not with our own families or back home in our original communities. It may be a few hundred miles or thousands of miles, nevertheless the issue is separation and that very real fact may instill feelings of loneliness. When listening to popular music selections, their themes often embrace the feelings of love, sometimes love lost, and deep, dark loneliness. Conversely, when we identify with others who are like-purposed then a sense of belonging and meaningfulness can be reestablished.

Some time back, I came across a book entitled "Habits of the Heart" which I thought must have been written on some devotional level emphasizing inspirational themes. What it covered had a little to do with religion and more to do with cultural issues such as expressed by the subtitle "Individualism and Commitment in American Life." Newsweek said of this national bestseller, "Brilliant analysis... Easily the richest and most readable study of American society since David Reisman's '50s classic The Lonely Crowd." Here the researchers Robert N.

Bellah et al. stated (p. 250) that, "We also found a widespread and strong identification with the United States as a national community." A national community seems to me to suggest that wherever Americans were found doing what they do in their respective enclaves they expressed themselves as differing individuals while still having at the center a solid like-mindedness. Such a process brought them and held them together. Immediately I thought of diversity and unity, E Pluribus Unum or out of many one.

So, it seems fitting at this point to think about our Armed Forces serving America by fulfilling important commitments throughout the world. Many of us are stationed here at Camp Pendleton. I like what I see around us for we really do work at a sense of community. Soon, many of our Marines and Sailors will be returning from deployment while others are preparing to deploy. People are social creatures and to be with each other strengthens the fabric of who we are as individuals and as a people. We don't have to be "The Lonely Crowd".

Chaplain Jensen
CLR-15

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during my tenure and the hard work that they have done in preparing themselves to deploy in support of our nation. I also want to thank all the families and offer them my sincere gratitude for the support and sacrifices they make so that our Marines and Sailors can deploy in the defense of our great nation. They have spent many weeks away from you to train and many months after that for deployments. You truly are the backbone that enables these Marines and Sailors to achieve what so few in this world "can do" when our nation calls.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Key Volunteer Network (KVN). I appreciate all that you all do in supporting the spouses and families of the Marines and Sailors when they are deployed forward. You all are truly key players in the success of our deployments. Bonnie Tucker is our Key Volunteer Coordinator and Debbie Lloyd is our Key Volunteer Advisor. They have done an outstanding job for the battalion with

the help of other Key Volunteers. Please, continue to support the Key Volunteer Network because it plays a very important role in the success of Supply Battalion. We can always use volunteers for the program, so if you are interested in joining the KVN or would like to know more information please contact Bonnie Tucker at (760) 806-6623 or Debbie Lloyd at (760) 385-9754.

To the Marines and Sailors of 1st Supply Battalion, you are being left in the good hands. You have a bright future ahead of you and are headed in right direction to get there. Keep up the good fight and Semper Fi!

LtCol Macon Robinson
Commanding Officer, 1st Supply Battalion

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FPO AP 96426-2205

Camp Fallujah:
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CLB 5 MAINT CO
UNIT 42445
FPO AP 96426-2445

Camp Al Asad:
(RANK) (NAME)
CLB 7 HQ CO
UNIT 41740
FPO AP 96426-1740

Camp Arifjan, Kuwait:
(RANK) (NAME)
I MLG HQ CO DET K
UNIT 42182
FPO AP 96426-2182

Medical Battalion

(RANK) (NAME)
A HSC HQ
UNIT 42125
FPO AP 96426-2125

(RANK) (NAME)
A HSC DET A
UNIT 42126
FPO AP 96426-2126

(RANK) (NAME)
A HSC DET K
UNIT 42127
FPO AP 96426-2127

(RANK) (NAME)
C HSC HQ
UNIT 42135
FPO AP 96426-2135

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C HSC DET F
UNIT 42136
FPO AP 96426-2136

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C HSC DET R
UNIT 42137
FPO AP 96426-2137

A Note from 1st Maintenance Battalion

PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEF; POINTS OF CONTACT

Hello from 1st Maintenance Battalion Rear. The past few weeks have been extremely busy. Our focus of effort has been finishing up training and preparing Gold rotation Marines and Sailors for deployment. We appreciate the patience and understanding given by the family members during this very stressful time. Our Remain Behind Personnel continue the daily routine of supporting I MEF, a very difficult task considering our dwindling number of personnel! During the month of August the Gold rotation will be going forward to relieve the Scarlet rotation. It will continue to be a very busy time for 1st Maintenance Battalion as we track the outbound departures and the return of the Scarlet rotation during August and September.

On 21 July, 1st Maintenance Battalion held a Pre-Deployment Brief in coordination with the Key Volunteer Network (KVN) and the gracious support of the New Song Community Church. I would like to extend a heart felt thank you to Mrs. Rene' Granata and the KVN, the New Song Community Church, Chaplain Cook, Capt Chambers for their hard work and the numerous businesses that donated the outstanding gifts that we raffled off. Well over 500 Marines, Sailors and their families attended!



**Mrs. Granata at the 1st Maintenance Battalion
Pre-Deployment Brief**

For the families of the returning Scarlet rotation, as long as your loved one provides a phone number at their point of departure, you will receive a phone call from the command notifying you they are "Wheels Up" along with a projected arrival time to Camp Pendleton. Please be patient and understanding with potential delays and the follow on phone calls that will keep you updated. At 1800 on Friday, 28 July 2006 1st Maintenance Battalion will be holding a Return and Reunion Brief at the New Song Community Church at 3985 Mission Avenue in Oceanside, California. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend this brief.

Since the last newsletter there have been some new additions to the command and some departures. Below you will see the updated phone roster:

Officer in Charge.....	Major Estep.....	(760) 763-5277
Chaplain.....	LT Tom Cook.....	(760) 725-4001
Key Volunteer Coordinator	Mrs. Rene' Granata	(760) 385-4059
H&S Company Commander	Capt Mike Rosen	(760) 725-3936
RMC Officer in Charge	Capt Paul Zacharzuk	(760) 725-4450
MTM Commanding Officer	Capt Adrian Chambers	(760) 725-2110
EMC Staff NCOIC.....	MSgt Hardy.....	(760) 725-3948
OMC Commanding Officer	Capt Pedro Gomez.....	(760) 725-4438



The KVN plays an active and important role in our Battalion. If you are interested in becoming a part of the KVN or would like to learn more about it and the role it plays, please contact 1st Maintenance Battalion's Key Volunteer Coordinator Mrs. Rene' Granata at (760) 385-4059 or send her an email at rgranata@cox.net. Semper Fidelis!

Captain Mike Rosen
Commanding Officer
Headquarters Company
1st Maintenance Battalion

One of the coveted lounge chairs raffled off!

PICTURES FROM IRAQ



Winning the Hearts and Minds...

A lot of times, and especially in the news, we don't hear about the success stories in Iraq and the wonderful things our troops are doing for the Iraqi people.

CLR-15 Forward's Chaplain Kim continues his work with the Iraqi people. During this particular trip, our Marines and Sailors treated 100 patients and distributed gifts of toys, clothes, candies, and other care packages to over 100 children.

Other projects that are regularly carried out by all our troops in Iraq include rebuilding schools and playgrounds, delivering school supplies to children, support of farmers' co-op, renovation of youth centers, and so many more.

A wonderful place to find a collection of similar stories may be viewed at the Defend America website located at www.defendamerica.mil. This website is an official Defense Department site with a lot of great information regarding our service members in Iraq. To view an archive of rebuilding Iraq articles, go to www.defendamerica.mil/iraq/rebuilding.html.

